

**Legislative Coordinating Commission  
Airport Funding Advisory Task Force  
Tuesday, October 23, 2007  
2:30 p.m.  
Room 112 State Capitol**

**Present:**

Rep. Michael Beard  
Rep. David Dill  
Rep. Ann Lenczewski  
Sen. Michael Jungbauer  
Sen. Dan Larson  
Sen. Ann Rest

Greg Hubinger, Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), called the meeting to order at 2:42 pm. A quorum was present. Members introduced themselves. Mr. Hubinger reviewed the resolution adopted by the LCC that established the Airport Funding Advisory Task Force.

**Election of House and Senate Co-Chairs**

Sen. Rest nominated Rep. Dill and Sen. Jungbauer for the positions of co-chairs. There were no other nominations. Rep. Beard moved that Rep. Dill and Sen. Jungbauer serve as co-chairs of the Airport Funding Advisory Task Force. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**Other Business**

Members discussed the appointments of additional non-voting members to the Task Force. Rep. Dill proposed adding Northwest Airlines to the list of advisory organizations represented on the Task Force. A discussion ensued.

Sen. Rest suggested the Task Force establish a formal process to appoint non-voting members to the Task Force. Sen. Rest moved the co-chairs send written correspondence to all organizations listed in the resolution, including Northwest Airlines, asking whether they want to participate in this process and, if so, to send written correspondence recommending the individual that could represent their organization on the Task Force. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. Dill requested members and those in the audience consider the scope of work and the deliberations of the Task Force and e-mail any suggestions to the co-chairs. Rep. Dill then gave an overview of the duties before the Task Force. He cited the Task Force would look at general aviation funding across the state; aircraft registration and fuel taxes; current and projected Capital Investment Proposals; and long-term aviation needs. Member discussion followed.

Rep. Dill asked members if there were any other items to discuss. Sen. Rest requested the group obtain data on how Minnesota and other states similar to Minnesota currently fund airports prior to the next meeting.

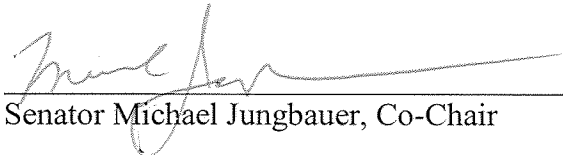
Rep. Beard raised the issue of hiring a consultant. A discussion ensued. There was a general consensus to utilize the knowledge of the non-voting members on the task force and other resources at this time.

Rep. Dill asked if any members in the audience would like to address the Task Force.

The following audience members introduced themselves and expressed interest in serving on the Airport Funding Advisory Task Force as non-voting members.

Ray Strege, Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc.  
Neil Brackin, Minnesota Business Aviation Association  
Brian Ryks, American Association of Airport Executives  
Harold Van Leeuwen, Minnesota Council of Airports  
Mitch Kilian, Metropolitan Airports Commission  
Jeff Davidman, Northwest Airlines  
Alex Haak, Minnesota Aviation and Trade Association  
Gary Workman, MNDOT Office of Aeronautics  
John Kavanagh, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

There being no further business, Rep. Dill adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM.

  
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Senator Michael Jungbauer, Co-Chair

  
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Representative David Dill, Co-Chair